



## Families First Community Advisory Board Meeting

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January 18, 2022

### **Board Members Present:**

- Commissioner Lisa Piercey (TDH)
- Ashleigh McFadden: Designee for Commissioner Penny Schwinn (Education)
- Senator Bo Watson (Virtual)
- Representative David Hawk
- Representative Bryan Terry
- Jack Bailey
- Elizabeth Fournet
- Dr. Jerry Askew
- Annie Cacheiro
- Brittany Cleveland
- Rachael Corry
- Dr. Emily House

### **Staff Present:**

- Trevor Lauri
- Dakota Simpson
- Suzanne Carr
- Eric Dunn
- Michelle Joyner

### **Board Members**

#### **Absent:**

- Commissioner Clarence Carter (DHS)
- Commissioner Jeff McCord (DLWD)
- Senator Raumesh Akbari (Virtual)
- Executive Jim Mangubat
- Bishop Edward Stephens

**1:00 p.m. Welcome and DHS Update**

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Vice-Chair Askew called the meeting to order. Suzanne Carr updated the group that all seventeen (17) planning grantees were under contract. Their first reports are due at the end of the month. Planning Grantee progress reports will be available to the Advisory Board at the February 2022 meeting. The Families First Community Grants are now available, and the application period is open until February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

**1:05 p.m. Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank Presentation**

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Brittany Birken with the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank gave a presentation on the benefits cliff.

Representative Hawk asked if DHS is doing any similar work as the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank. Suzanne Carr answered affirmatively that DHS is working on similar projects internally and across other Departments utilizing similar tools and No Wrong Door programs. She reiterated that the focus of the DHS pilot will be the benefits cliff.

Michelle Joyner discussed the DHS MOU with the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank which would give DHS the capacity to integrate the benefits cliff tool into frontline staff services. This tool will be available to other pilots as well.

**1:50 p.m. Adjournment**

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The Board meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m. The next Advisory Board meeting will take place on February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 1 pm CST.